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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER KPC-0309 Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit March 29, 2004 10/810,706-Conf. #9050 Erma C. Cameron 1762 Applicant(s): Akihiko SHIMASAKI et al. METAL COATING METHOD EXCELLENT IN CORROSION RESISTANCE AND ARTICLE Invention: **COATED THEREWITH** TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Highest Claims Remaining Number Number After Previously **Extra Claims Amendment** Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 20 \$50.00 21 х Independent 2 3 \mathbf{X} Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 50.00 Small Entity x Large Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. × Please charge Deposit Account No. 50.00 18-0013 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 18-0013 x The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: September 2, 2005 Lee Cheng Attorney Reg. No.: 40,949 RADER, FISHMAN & GRAUER PLLC 1233 20th Street, N.W. Suite 501 Washington, DC 20036

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For:

METAL COATING METHOD EXCELLENT

IN CORROSION RESISTANCE AND ARTICLE COATED THEREWITH

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 4, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 6-10, drawn to a coated article. Applicants also hereby elect species of a base resin comprising a xylene-formaldehyde-resin-modified amino-containing epoxy resin. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

In light of the restriction requirement and the above election, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicants note that claim 1 has been amended to be a generic linking claim which, if held allowable, will entitle Applicants to consideration of additional species.

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